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# VOTE! RUN! LEAD!

partner with The White House Project on this initiative, furthering the Fund's work on women's leadership development, especially for younger women.

The launch of Vote, Run, Lead is designed to provide a road map for the issues Wilson raises in her new book, *Closing the Leadership Gap: Why Women Can and Must Help Run the World*, published by Viking Press. A culmination of over 30 years of Wilson's work on the frontlines of making change for women and girls, the book provides a close look at how women's leadership will transform the essence of leadership. The book explores the challenges women face in closing the leadership gap.

A quick look at the facts tells the story. Internationally, the US ranks 57th in women's political leadership, behind Slovakia and Burundi, and tied with Andorra. Of nearly 12,000 people to serve in Congress since its founding, only 215 have been women. Even at the most basic level of participation — voting — the numbers are disheartening. In the 2000 election, more than half of 18-34 year-old women did not vote — roughly 15 million women. More than 11 million women did not register, and nearly 4 million registered but did not vote. Indeed, 22 million single women — of any age — did not vote; 16 million of those 22 million did not even register to vote.

Vote, Run, Lead will take aggressive steps to change this landscape and meet the challenges laid out in Wilson's book. By combining traditional organizing at the local level with a national voice and a sweeping Internet campaign, Vote, Run, Lead provides a

hands-on way for women to build strong networks in their communities — networks that will encourage more women to vote and consider careers in all levels of politics and government.

**To make your pledge to vote on November 2, visit [www.voterunlead.org](http://www.voterunlead.org).**

**To learn more about opportunities to get involved in Vote, Run, Lead in Maine, visit the Maine Women's Fund website, [www.mainewomensfund.org](http://www.mainewomensfund.org).**

In March, The White House Project announced the kick-off of Vote, Run, Lead, a national nonpartisan initiative to ignite and mobilize the power of women's votes and women's voices. In the coming months, Vote, Run, Lead will recruit 25,000 women to participate in the November 2004 election, and will train and mobilize 1,000 women to become political leaders. The multi-year initiative will continue beyond the election in an effort to develop powerful future women leaders across the country.

"We are extremely excited about launching this multi-year women's leadership effort. By inviting women to participate in this election and beyond, and giving them the tools and support they need to become leaders, we will transform democracy," said Marie Wilson, President of The White House Project, when speaking to the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues on March 24. "Vote, Run, Lead will help ensure that women become a force in government and public policy decision making at every level across the country."

Maine is one of several states where Vote, Run, Lead will work at the grassroots level, featuring political leadership trainings, get-out-the-vote activities, voter registration, and local gatherings that will make women's voices heard and women's votes count. The Maine Women's Fund is proud to

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## Dear Friends

April is the month of aperture, or opening, and this feels like an apt description at the Maine Women's Fund. After a long, cold winter, we are opening to the possibilities that our mission promises – the full equality of women and girls. What excites me most is that we are opening to new partners in this quest, women who are proving that donor activism is contagious.

Two new groups of collaborators have crystallized over the past year, both of which have brought new dollars, donors, and dedication to our work. Those of you who attended our Evening to Honor Maine Women and Girls last October know that a group of women business owners raised just over \$23,000 for our challenge, which ultimately netted more than \$47,000 for our programs. This group – Women Standing Together – indicated a desire for an ongoing relationship with the Fund after last year's fundraising success. Incorporating some new ideas generated by last year's participants, we have invited our women business supporters to join with us again this year – and their responses to date have already raised nearly \$19,000 to support our grantmaking for women's economic empowerment! We are delighted by the interest that women in business have in coming together with a common voice and shared vision to benefit Maine women and girls. If any of you are interested in knowing more about the benefits of participating in Women Standing Together, please contact me.

The second group of new collaborators with the Maine Women's Fund is our very own New Girls' Network. The

Network now includes 100 women in their 20's and 30's who have participated in a nine-month program



dedicated to exploring the relationship between leadership and philanthropy, and what these things mean to young women today. For the past 10 months, a group of 12 Network graduates have been meeting to create their own "fund" at the Maine Women's Fund. Tapping their own network of alumnae first, the group has raised over \$18,000 towards a goal of \$20,000 for a grantmaking initiative that will be launched in the fall. Contrary to the popularly-held belief that young people are apathetic to their neighbors and communities, the New Girls' Network initiative demonstrates that young women are quite eager to make a difference, *in their own way* – and that they bring creativity and freshness to fundraising.

You can read more about both of these initiatives in this newsletter – and many other exciting events on the horizon. We are energized by our widening circles of supporters and hope that you share our enthusiasm. Thank you for all you do to support our important work.

With gratitude,

Karin Anderson

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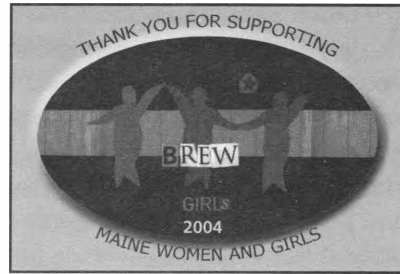
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# Expanding "Z"

Shaye McGann Robbins • New Girls Class of '02

Last spring Anna Kent, New Girls Class of '03, wrote about Feminism with a "Z" for the MWF newsletter. In her article, Anna defined the 'zen' of the New Girls' Network as "... using our intuition and capacity for self understanding to achieve power and connection... taking what we learn about ourselves, our organizations and our capacity for change to set the agenda for the next generation of philanthropists... the beauty of feminism with a 'z' is that it involves participation on many fronts in structured and unstructured ways." Prophetically, Anna noted that participating in the New Girls' Network made her want to do more. These words describe beautifully the evolving process of the New Girls as Grantmakers fundraising and grantmaking efforts.

Over the past nine months, a group of twelve graduates of the New Girls' Network from a variety of backgrounds, professional roles, and New Girls classes have been involved in a process similar to that of the Founding Mothers of the Maine Women's Fund. During our meetings, we asked each other questions and told our own stories about what jazzed us up, what resonated, what we wanted as women, as mothers, as spouses and partners, and as philanthropists. What we discovered was that we valued having fun over being serious, that we wanted to be able to hear good music with good friends, that we valued good food – and plenty of it – and that we wanted to be able to participate and be respected as philanthropists regardless of the dollar amount we could give. We wanted to support women with great ideas – not only with our collective money, but also with our skills, our energy, and our network of friends. Using these ideas to guide us, we created a signature fundraising event and continue to develop and imple-



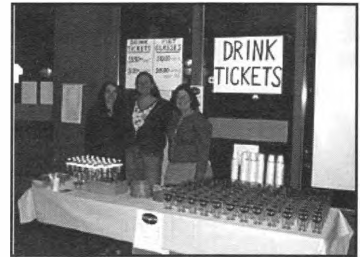
ment the process of dispersing the funds we have given and raised.

The mission of the New Girls as Grantmakers is to "create community of donor activists dedicated to supporting the visions of individuals, groups, and organizations that improve the lives of young women and girls in Maine." On March 11, we held the first of what we believe will become the most widely attended fundraising event in Maine. The inaugural "Brew Girls" event brought together five bands, four breweries, seven restaurants, one excellent coffee roaster, twenty-one volunteers, five exceptional raffle prizes, four media outlets, including the very popular 98.9 WCLZ radio station, and a whopping 300 people for an evening of fun and fundraising. The event's success exceeded our wildest expectations.

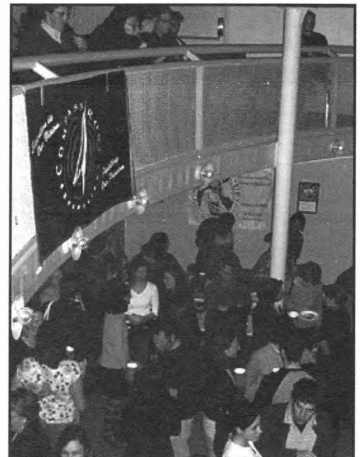
Our guiding principle of open participation has led us to work on a web-based process of grant submission and review that will be open to the entire New Girls community. All of our fundraising events and goals are linked to participation numbers as the primary goal. Knowing this, we are incredibly pleased to announce that we had a 50 percent participation rate of New Girl donors that helped us raise more than \$18,000 in our first year. The participant numbers and awareness raised through the Brew Girls event is energy in the bank for us, energy that we know will work for the benefit of Maine women and girls in more ways



Laurie Geltman, Donna Gaspar Jarvis, Heidi-Anne Loughlin



Rebekah Smith, Andi Summers, Lindsay Cadwallader



The Brew Girls Event

than we can currently define. The soon-to-be-launched New Girls' website and grantmaking process will expand participation by the New Girls by offering volunteer opportunities within the Network, providing a forum for discussion and communication of professional opportunities and events, offering information and tips on philanthropic giving, educating about the organizations we serve and that serve us, and providing a framework for the grantmaking process.

The "Z" continues!

## SPECIAL THANKS to the following businesses, artists and media outlets for their contributions to the Brew Girls event:

**Artists:** Sara Cox and the Coming Grass, Andi Fawcett, Laurie Geltman, Rachel Griffin, and Santiago with DJ Moshe.

**Businesses:** Allagash Brewery, Casco Bay Brewers, Coffee By Design, Compass Rose Expeditions, The Corsican, FoodWorks, Geary's, The Liberal Cup Public House, Natasha's, The Pepper Club, Royal River Natural Foods, and Tandoor Indian Restaurant.

**Media:** WCLZ radio for their extraordinary promotion and the writers from Face magazine, the Portland Phoenix, and the Portland Press Herald for their wonderful reviews of the event.

**Many thanks to our friends  
at the Center for Cultural Ex-  
change for providing such a  
terrific venue!**

**To learn more about the New  
Girls Network visit  
[www.mainewomensfund.org](http://www.mainewomensfund.org)  
or contact Liz Anderson  
[liz@mainewomensfund.org](mailto:liz@mainewomensfund.org).**

## Women Standing Together

Women Standing Together was launched in 2003 to demonstrate the power and influence of women in business and women as philanthropists. The success was astounding -- 47 businesses contributed \$23,480 to the Maine Women's Fund and raised an additional \$24,404 at the Evening to Honor Maine Women and Girls event in October 2003!

Maine's women business owners are making national headlines with the second highest percentage of employment growth in the nation. A study by the National Women's Business Council found that businesses owned by women in Maine posted an average 14.3 percent increase in employment from 1997 to 2000. Clearly, they are an increasingly important part of the Maine economy, and Women Standing Together was created to harness the power of Maine's growing number of women-owned businesses to benefit women and girls.

Continuing the phenomenal momentum started in 2003, Women Standing

Together has already raised \$19,375 in the first 3 months of 2004!! These funds will be directed to support the Maine Women's Fund's grantmaking program, specifically in the area of economic development for women.

On April 1st, 30 women business owners gathered for the first Women Standing Together breakfast and heard the inspiring real life stories of Gail Moffat, who owns Second Hand Rose in Brunswick, and Tess Hartford, who owns Firebird Designs in Brunswick. Both women have benefited from the programs offered for women business owners through Women, Work and Community -- one of the Maine Women's Fund's key grantee partners.

Please review the enclosed business directory and support the businesses who are investing in Maine women and girls. If you would like more information about Women Standing Together please call Liz Anderson (207) 774-5513 or visit [www.mainewomensfund.org](http://www.mainewomensfund.org).

### Women Standing Together 2004

*Participants as of April 12, 2004*

Beth Ansheles  
Jan Brøberg Carter  
Burgess Advertising  
The Calico Patch  
Casco Bay Movers Dance Studio  
Casco Passage  
Coffee By Design  
Conlon Consulting Group  
Madeleine G. Corson  
Debbie Elliott Salon and Day Spa  
Fetch  
Greater Portland Bone and  
Joint Specialists  
Greenhut Galleries  
Groth & Associates  
Sarah Halpin, Financial Planning  
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New England Mortgage Group  
Christiane Northrup, MD  
Owl Diversity Consulting  
Portland Architectural Salvage  
Round-The-Clock Resources, Inc.  
Second Hand Rose  
Sweet Water Day Spa  
S. T. Vreeland Marketing & Design  
Carol Wishcamper Organizational  
Consulting

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# Personal Impact Statement

Pauline Curtis



Being a Maine Leap mentor to a young woman with a disability was a challenging and rewarding experience.

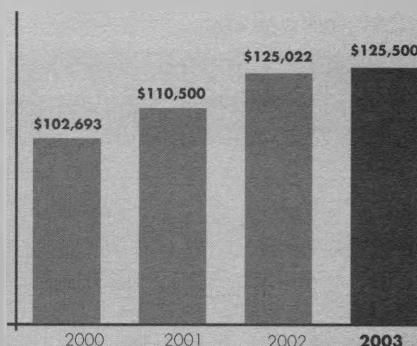
It is a difficult road for me; I am learning one day at a time to regain my focus, self-esteem, health, economic independence, and the resolve to be the kind of woman I want to be— part the “Pauline” I left behind and part the new Pauline—stronger and wiser. It will not happen overnight. One reality is that I needed to take baby steps before I could leap forward, and Maine Leap was there to help.

No one woman can be her own island. I am fortunate to be a consumer of Alpha One’s Maine Leap Program. I cherish the wisdom and the value of our peer support. I feel blessed and confident that working with Maine Leap will provide me with the necessary career planning and financial management training to achieve my goal of becoming employed again. The uniqueness of Maine Leap lies in not only the workshops and training offered, but in our ability to help each other find our own way, in our own time.

**Maine Leap is in their second year of funding from the Maine Women’s Fund, receiving \$15,000 over two years for the “Healthy Image, Healthy Spirit” Project.**

## Grants Awarded

Years ended June 30



Maine Leap had stressed that, “by mentoring and participating in Maine Leap empowerment activities we would learn so much from each other and about ourselves.” I agreed “intellectually” with the statement, but it was not until my mentee went on to college and on with her new adult life that I began to understand how much Maine Leap had helped me to learn about myself. I realized that many years before somewhere along my way I had lost “Pauline.” With the help of Maine Leap and its wonderful work, I have found myself again.

I am 56 years old and I was born with cerebral palsy. I have experienced many successes in life. I am college educated. I have married, had a career, gave birth to and raised two children. I am now experiencing the joys of being a grandmother! Much of my life gave me a unique sense of fulfillment and gratification; some of it caused me great pain. Maine Leap helped me to confront my pain and take a leap forward.

It was not until I joined Maine Leap and participated in our self-esteem building and empowerment workshops that I decided to take a hard look at my life and my marriage. I am now a divorced survivor of a twenty-seven year abusive marriage. I decided to end my marriage because I finally understood I had been abused and, more importantly, that I deserved a better life.

## 2003 MWF GRANT DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN\*

| Issue area addressed     |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Advocacy / public policy | 18 % |
| Economic empowerment     | 16 % |
| Health                   | 11 % |
| Violence prevention      | 28 % |
| Self determination       | 27 % |

| Ethnic constituency served |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| African                    | 4 %  |
| African American           | 3 %  |
| Asian                      | 4 %  |
| Caucasian                  | 85 % |
| Hispanic                   | 3 %  |
| Native American            | 1 %  |

| Sexual orientation of constituency served |      |
|---|------|
| Bisexual                                  | 2 %  |
| Gay                                       | 3 %  |
| Heterosexual                              | 88 % |
| Lesbian                                   | 6 %  |
| Questioning                               | 2 %  |

| Age group of constituency served |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Females 0-11                     | 22 % |
| Females 12-17                    | 25 % |
| Females 18-25                    | 19 % |
| Females 26-66                    | 32 % |
| Females 67+                      | 2 %  |

| Income level of constituency served |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Poverty                             | 52 % |
| Low income                          | 37 % |
| Middle income                       | 11 % |

| Geographic region served |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Greater Portland         | 16 % |
| Other Urban area         | 6 %  |
| Rural                    | 42 % |
| Statewide                | 36 % |

| Number of women and girls served |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Total                            | 32,000 |
| With disabilities                | 3 %    |
| Refugees                         | 13 %   |

\* The Maine Women’s Fund has requested specific demographic information for the last four grant cycles. Not all grantee organizations track this information, therefore the numbers reflect the information supplied.

# How Much Should I Give Away?

The Maine Women's Fund is a fundraising organization – we raise money to reinvest in the community. But, our role is much more important than just securing charitable contributions for our organization. As stated in the Fund's Strategic Plan, "We value the power of women and girls as philanthropists." The growth of the Maine Women's Fund has been due to the generosity of our donors – mostly women and girls.

As we think about the power of women and girls as philanthropist, we also need to educate ourselves, and each other, about "how much do I need?" and "how much should I give away?"

Giving of time, money and resources can be an expression of both compassion and passion. The impulse to give is present in all faith traditions, societies and cultures. The act of giving is important not only as a vehicle to bring peace, justice, and a sense of prosperity among people, but it also gives the donor a feeling of joy.

On average, Americans give away only 2 percent of their incomes to charity – which means some give less, while others give much more.

In thinking about what percentage of income you want to give away, we encourage you to look at the chart below and see where you are today, and consider "how much could I give away?"

| If your annual income is: | 2%/wk | 3% /wk | 5% /wk | 10% /wk |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$20,000                  | 7.69  | 11.54  | 19.23  | 38.46   |
| \$30,000                  | 11.54 | 17.31  | 28.85  | 57.69   |
| \$40,000                  | 15.38 | 23.08  | 38.46  | 76.92   |
| \$50,000                  | 19.23 | 28.85  | 48.08  | 96.15   |
| \$75,000                  | 28.85 | 43.27  | 72.11  | 144.23  |
| \$100,000                 | 38.46 | 57.69  | 96.15  | 192.31  |

**Note:** You may choose your giving level based on your pre-tax or post-tax figures.

# Five for the Future

Betsy Tipper

"Estate planning" or "planned giving" are the terms used when you make plans for the handling of your goods and money when you die. Charitable estate planning allows you to direct gifts to organizations after you die in ways and amounts that may not have been possible during your lifetime. Estate planning allows you to provide for loved ones, make gifts to organizations you believe in, and save your heirs income and estate taxes.

It is estimated that over 70 percent of U.S. households contribute to nonprofit organizations throughout their lifetime, but only 6 percent continue their support through a gift in their will or estate plan. By making a planned gift, you can continue to help organizations that are making an important difference in your community and leave a legacy. And you don't have to be over 60 years old to get started!

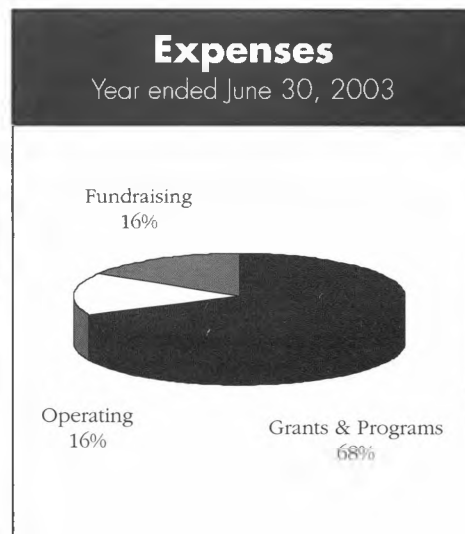
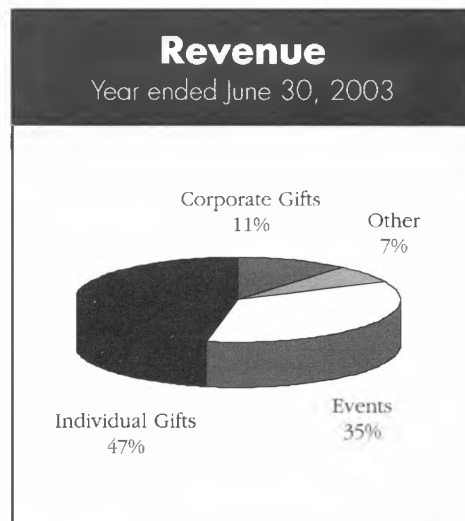
Here are five ideas to start today:

1. Make a bequest of five times the amount of your usual annual gift to the Maine Women's Fund - or more! If you usually give \$100 a year, make a bequest of \$500.
2. Designate five percent or more of the charitable giving in your estate plan to the Maine Women's Fund.
3. Arrange a gift annuity – depending on your age, it will probably earn you more than five percent.

4. Set up a trust or other estate planning arrangement to give 1/5 of your estate to support the future of women and girls in Maine.

5. Encourage five friends to join you in planned giving to benefit the Fund.

There are many vehicles for planned giving, and we welcome the opportunity to talk with you about the best option for you to leave a legacy and continue your investment in women and girls in Maine! Please contact Karin Anderson at (207) 774-5513 or [karin@mainewomensfund.org](mailto:karin@mainewomensfund.org) to learn more about your options.



# GREAT HAPPENINGS

## Ways & Means Forum

Talking about having money is one of the last taboos – forums where you can share your thoughts, your joys, and your problems are rare.

Carol Andreae, a former board member of the Maine Women's Fund and a founding member of the Women's Fund of Central Ohio, has created the Ways and Means Forum, a safe, confidential space for women to talk about money in terms of how it affects identity, relationships and values. The Forum is not about investments or financial management.

The Forum will be held on a weekend to give you the opportunity to explore questions about personal wealth and your beliefs that you may not feel comfortable discussing elsewhere. When you consciously think about how you want to be in relation to your money and how you want to use it, you have the chance to make powerful choices.

Carol, a certified life coach, will be offering the Ways and Means Forum in South Portland this spring. Times will be arranged according to the needs of the participants. If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact Carol at [cjandreae@aol.com](mailto:cjandreae@aol.com) or call 614-235-4688.

## Women in Management 24th Annual USM Conference

May 4, 2004

Holiday Inn by the Bay • Portland, ME

The annual Women in Management conference addresses the issues women face in their professional and

personal lives and acknowledges the uniqueness of women's abilities and roles. The conference creates a stimulating environment in which women can network, sharpen their skills, share their experiences, and reflect on their accomplishments and their goals.

This year's keynote speakers will include Milbry Polk and Belle Linda Halpern, with workshops covering topics such as leadership, management, career life skills and critical thinking.

The Maine Women's Fund is delighted to be the beneficiary of the Women in Management silent auction for the third year. Thank you to all the businesses who have contributed items and services to the silent auction. To donate an item to the auction, please email [liz@mainewomensfund.org](mailto:liz@mainewomensfund.org). For a complete listing of contributors, see the business directory insert.

We encourage you to sign up for the conference, and remember to bring your checkbook to purchase a gift for yourself or friend.

The cost of the conference \$195. To register call (207) 780-5951 or visit the conference website, [www.usm.maine.edu/cce/wim](http://www.usm.maine.edu/cce/wim).

## News from MaineShare Record 2003 Allocations

In 2003, MaineShare distributed a record \$216,172 to its member groups, a 12% increase from 2002. This is the 13th straight year of double-digit growth for the organization. Since its inception in 1989, MaineShare has raised and distributed more than \$1,300,000 to member groups. Currently, more than 120 workplaces offer MaineShare as a charitable payroll



deduction option. The Maine Women's Fund has been a member of MaineShare since 2001 and has received more than \$14,000 in unrestricted funding from MaineShare in that time, including a record \$7,375 in 2003.

### *New Members Join MaineShare*

After an extensive application process, MaineShare has welcomed three new member organizations to its coalition. Joining the existing 33 member groups are the Maine Citizen Leadership Fund, Maine Council of Churches, and Maine Equal Justice. The missions of these three new members align with MaineShare's mission of funding non-profit organizations working to prevent and solve human and environmental problems in Maine.

### *How You Can Help Support MWF Through MaineShare*

We urge you to get involved in the MaineShare campaign. If your workplace currently offers MaineShare, please give to the Maine Women's Fund or the other worthy member organizations through the efficient means of payroll deduction during our Fall 2004 campaign. If your workplace doesn't currently offer MaineShare as a charitable option, please contact the Maine Women's Fund or MaineShare directly at 772-9824 to find out how easy it is to add MaineShare. For more information about MaineShare and its member organizations, visit [www.mainesshare.org](http://www.mainesshare.org). We look forward to working with you to expand support for the Maine Women's Fund.



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## April

### April 25

March for Women's Lives, Washington D.C. – the largest march in history addressing the assaults on women's rights and lives, both nationally and globally, that restrict women's access to reproductive health services.

### April 30

Girls, Women and Money, featuring Dale McCormick, Treasurer of the State of Maine. The Center, downtown Waterville, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. \$35, includes lunch and discussion. FMI, visit [www.hardygirlshealthywomen.org](http://www.hardygirlshealthywomen.org).

### April 30

Take Back The Night March & Rally – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Monument Square, Portland. A night of inspiration, healing, and recommitment to ending sexual and domestic violence. FMI, visit [sarsonline.org](http://sarsonline.org).

## May

### Month of May

Maine Women's Fund Mother's Day Celebration. Check out the enclosed business directory and support these businesses that support women and girls.

### May 4

Women in Management 24th Annual USM Conference – Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland. 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$195. To register, call (207) 780-5951 or visit [www.usm.maine.edu/cce/wim](http://www.usm.maine.edu/cce/wim). The Maine Women's Fund will benefit from the conference's silent auction – to donate products and gift certificates, contact [liz@mainewomensfund.org](mailto:liz@mainewomensfund.org).

### May 6

Women, Work & Community - 25th Anniversary Gala. Augusta Civic Center, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Keynote speaker: Sara Gould, Executive Director of the Ms. Foundation for Women in New York. FMI, visit [www.womenworkandcommunity.org](http://www.womenworkandcommunity.org).

### May 9

Flatbread Company's Mother's Day Benefit - the Maine Women's Fund will receive \$3.50 for every pizza sold at the Flatbread Company on Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day. 72 Commercial Street, Portland. FMI, call 774-5513.

### May 13 & 14

Money & Mission: Adapting in a Changing Environment – The Maine Association of Nonprofits' 10th Annual Conference. Sebasco Harbor Resort in Phippsburg. FMI, visit [www.nonprofitmaine.org](http://www.nonprofitmaine.org).

### May 20

Maine Initiatives – A Celebration of Social Change – Watering Can Awards Dinner, Taste of Maine, Woolwich. FMI, visit [www.maineinitiatives.org](http://www.maineinitiatives.org).

## June

### June 4

Maine Center for Economic Policy – 10th Anniversary Celebration. 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Portland. FMI, visit [www.mecep.org](http://www.mecep.org).

### June 4

Sweet Water Day Spa Open House – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., 430 Bath Road, Brunswick. Part day spa, part therapeutic skin care center. The Maine Women's Fund will receive 15% from all products and gift certificates purchased at the open house. FMI, call 443-4723.

### June 26

Second Hand Rose Benefit Gala. The Taste of Maine, Woolwich. All proceeds to benefit Women, Work and Community. Dress funky/formal. FMI, contact 729-9761.

### June 28

Hardy Girls' Golf Tournament – 9 hole tournament for young players; 18 hole tournament for older players and adults. Natanis Golf Course, Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro. FMI, visit [www.hardygirlshealthywomen.org](http://www.hardygirlshealthywomen.org) or call 861-8131.



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The 2004 Maine Women's Fund Awards will be presented at the Evening to Honor Maine Women and Girls, on Tuesday October 12, 2004 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland.

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Four Maine Women's Fund Awards will be presented honoring women and girls whose efforts make a difference in the lives of women and girls. Each year, we reserve at least one award to recognize a girl between the ages of 14 and 20.

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To receive a nomination form call (207) 774-5513 or visit our website, [www.mainewomensfund.org](http://www.mainewomensfund.org). All nomination materials must be submitted together in one package. To be considered, your nomination must be received by Friday, May 28, 2004 by:

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